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ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS (ITEM 12)

SUGGEST THAT YOU CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE IN
PLACE OF PARAGRAPH TWO OF YOUR DRAFT STATEMENT ON
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS (ITEM 12):

- THERE ARE, IT IS TRUE, A VERY FEW GOVERNMENTS WHICH
FROM TOP TO BOTTOM FOLLOW A POLICY HOSTILE TO ANY
DECENT APPROACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS. BUT IN MOST GOVERN-
MENTS IN THE WORLD, EVEN GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE JUDGED
BY THE OUTSIDE WORLD TO BE OPPRESSIVE, THERE ARE GOOD
PEOPLE WHO WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING. THESE
OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING TO US FOR HELP IN ARGUING WITH
THEIR COLLEAGUES FOR A MORE HUMANE APPROACH TO THE
UNIVERSAL PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

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- AS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION,
WE ARE CALLED UPON TO DO SOMETHING TO PROTECT
HUMAN DIGNITY AGAINST SYSTEMATIC AND MASSIVE
VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. I ASKED MYSELF: ISN'T
IT OUR TASK TO BRING OUR INFLUENCE TO BEAR TO HELP

THOSE OFFICIALS IN GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD
WHO WANT TO END SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE VERY
BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS OF THEIR CITIZENS?

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